the individual is not rendered more independent of the caſualties of life; if new ſources of enjoyment, only dependent on the ſolitary operations of the mind, are not opened. People of taſte, married or ſingle, without diſtinction, will ever be diſguſted by various things that touch not leſs obſerving minds. On this concluſion the argument muſt not be allowed to hinge; but in the whole ſum of enjoyment is taſte to be denominated a bleſſing?

The queſtion is, whether it procures moſt pain or pleaſure? The anſwer will decide the propriety of Dr. Gregory's advice, and ſhew how abſurd and tyrannic it is thus to lay down a ſyſtem of ſlavery; or to attempt to educate moral beings by any other rules than thoſe deduced from pure reaſon, which apply to the whole ſpecies.

Gentleneſs of manners, forbearance and long-ſuffering, are ſuch amiable Godlike qualities, that in ſublime poetic ſtrains the Deity has been inveſted with them; and, perhaps, no repreſentation of his goodneſs ſo ſtrongly faſtens on the human affections as thoſe that repreſent him abundant in mercy and willing to pardon. Gentleneſs, conſidered

dered in this point of view, bears on its front all the characteriſtics of grandeur, combined with the winning graces of condeſcenſion; but what a different aſpect it aſſumes when it is the ſubmiſſive demeanour of dependence, the ſupport of weakneſs that loves, becauſe it wants protection; and is forbearing, becauſe it muſt ſilently endure injuries; ſmiling under the laſh at which it dare not ſnarl. Abject as this picture appears, it is the portrait of an accompliſhed woman, according to the received opinion of female excellence, ſeparated by ſpecious reaſoners from human excellence. Or, they * kindly reſtore the rib, and make one moral being of a man and woman; not forgetting to give her all the 'ſubmiſſive charms.'

How women are to exiſt in that ſtate where there is to be neither marrying nor giving in marriage, we are not told. For though moraliſts have agreed that the tenor of life ſeems to prove that *man* is prepared by various circumſtances for a future ſtate, they conſtantly concur in adviſing *woman* only to provide for the preſent. Gentleneſs, docility, and a ſpaniel-like affection are, on this ground, conſiſtently recommended as the cardinal virtues

* Vide Rouſſeau, and Swedenborg.